

NEW OWNER TOURS SHOPPING CENTRES



» WALK A MILE: Sentinel's Michael Sherlock decided to walk a mile in the shoes of local business owners and Amber Williams, of Stiletoes, found a pair of shoes to fit him. PHOTO: KELLY BUTTERWORTH EME040215SENTI

# Sentinel on guard

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WITH the Centro Emerald Market and Centro Emerald Village now under new ownership by Sentinel Property Group, the group's adjunct professor Michael Sherlock decided to come to Emerald and have a look around.

Sentinel purchased the two shopping centres from Centro, and Mr Sherlock said the group had plans to fix up the centres and make

them a more pleasurable shopping experience. "Instead of spending \$1000 on one thing, we will spend \$100 on 10 things," Mr Sherlock said.

The group was in town to chat to local business owners who have shops in the centres, and gave them a chance to tell the company what they would do to improve the centres.

Mr Sherlock said most of the responses from the business owners were simple fixes.

**Michael Sherlock**

They are the ones who are here, they know.

He said speaking to the owners was a good way of gauging the current climate in town.

He said the group, which owns similar centres around Queensland, bought

properties in need of a revamp, and said the two Emerald centres certainly fitted the bill.

"We have been talking this morning to the owners about what they want to see changed," Mr Sherlock said.

"I always ask them, because they are the ones who are here, they know."

He said Sentinel intended to have a hands-on approach to the Emerald centres, and hoped to attract businesses to fill the empty shops.

# Council tight-lipped on levee proposal

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THE Central Highlands council is standing firm on its decision not to release a controversial flood report for public scrutiny – for now.

Mayor Peter Maguire said the contents of the AECOM study, commissioned to

recommended land resumptions, were still being digested.

Affected landowners are yet to be advised of its contents as part of the consultation process.

Cr Maguire could not put a deadline on when those meetings would take place.

"We won't know that

"The report will be released, contrary to some people's scaremongering.

"Just honestly, we need to talk to affected residents."

Councillors again went behind closed doors last Wednesday for a detailed briefing on its contents.

Cr Maguire said the decision was taken at the

There are more briefing sessions scheduled.

"Also we will be talking to the affected people first to advise them what council is proposing and get their views, then release this to the rest of the community," Cr Maguire said.

The report makes it clear the councillors face "some

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